Nitric Oxide Line Parameters: Review of 1996 HITRAN Update and New Results

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Abstract - The 1996 HITRAN database incorporated an extensive update of NO line parameters in the 5.3  $\mu m$  region. Hyperfine lines associated with the O-1 band up to J=46.5 were included and accuracies were greatly improved. Better air- and self-broadened widths were also included for a number of the infrared entries but erroneously omitted for others. These changes, as well as the complete NO database, are critically reviewed. Recent results not yet incorporated into the HITRAN database are described along with ongoing studies and needs for corrections and future improvements.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Nitric oxide (NO) is an important constituent of the Earth's atmosphere. Nitric oxide together with NO, play critical roles in tropospheric chemistry because they act as catalysts in the photochemical production of ozone (Chameides and Walker; WMO Report No. 37, Chapt. 5). Tropospheric NO is produced by a variety of sources, for example, surface-based anthropogenic emissions, lightning (particularly in the tropics), stratospheric injections, aircraft emissions, and in situ photochemical reactions The primary natural source of NO in the (Singh et al3). stratosphere is believed to be the reaction of O(1D) with N<sub>2</sub>O (Crutzen'). The downward transport of NO from the thermosphere and upward transport of NO from lightning are additional, important natural sources of stratospheric NO (WMO Report No. 37, Chapt. Large amounts of thermospheric NO can reach the high latitude stratosphere during winter (Solomon et al<sup>5</sup>). stratosphere, reactive nitrogen (NO+NO2) is important because it is involved in catalytic cycles which directly destroy O, (WHO Report No. 16, Chapt. 2.1.3).

Nitric oxide is also an important infrared radiator in the thermosphere owing to its fundamental band at 5.3  $\mu$ m (1876 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and its first overtone band at 2.7  $\mu$ m (3727 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Numerous infrared observations of thermospheric NO have been reported in the literature since the mid-seventies. The atmosphere above 80 km is not in local thermodynamic equilibrium. Hence, a detailed model of the steady state NO vibrational distribution and its dependence on local chemical and radiative phenomena is required to model high altitude emission spectra of the NO IR bands (Huppi and Stair; Rawlins et al<sup>4</sup>). Thermospheric NO has been measured in the 5.3 $\mu$ m by a number of recent satellite experiments, such as HALOE (Luo et al; Russell et al<sup>10</sup>) and ISAMS (Ballard et al; Taylor et al<sup>12</sup>), both on UARS. Successful quantitative modeling of such

observations also requires high quality spectroscopic parameters for the lines of NO up to high v and high J.

The infrared spectral parameters of NO have been an important part of the HITRAN trace gases database since its inception, parts of which have been updated a number of times through the 1992 In the 1996 HITRAN update, all the lines of the fundamental band (0-1) and part of the hot-band (1-2) lines of 14N160 from the 1992 edition were replaced by new lines which include, for the first time, hyperfine structure (hfs) in vibration-rotation and provide significantly improved line positions and spectral parameters, intensities. However, other halfwidths, were incorrectly incorporated for these updated lines, while lineshape parameters for other sub-sets of 1992 lines were Also, some of the Av=2 bands (not updated) show line improved. intensity discrepancies that have been carried over since the 1982 edition. For these reasons, a detailed discussion of the 1996 HITRAN edition is preceded, in Section II, by a review of the development of the NO line parameters into the 1992 edition. Section III will present the more recent studies, with details for those results that were incorporated into the 1996 edition. Section IV will detail more of the recent and new NO studies beyond 1996 HITRAN, and present recommendations for future editions of the Additional line parameters in the far IR and UV will also be discussed. Most of the discussion will be organized by spectral region, from long to short wavelength.

#### II. NITRIC OXIDE UPDATES IN PRE-1996 HITRAN

The NO pure rotation portion of the HITRAN database was last updated for the 1986 HITRAN edition (Rothman et al<sup>13</sup>). It contains only the (0-0) band of <sup>14</sup>N<sup>16</sup>O, taken directly from the JPL catalog (Poynter and Pickett<sup>14</sup>), and includes hyperfine structure. The

extensive update of the NO  $X^211 - X^2II$  infrared line parameters in the 1982 HITRAN database (Rothman et al<sup>15</sup>) was based on the work of Gillis and Goldman<sup>16,17</sup> and contains the vibration-rotation sequences  $\Delta v=0,1,2$ , with  $v'=0,\ldots,6$ , and  $J_{max}<40.5$  for <sup>14</sup>N<sup>16</sup>O, and  $v''=0^-v'=1$  for <sup>15</sup>N<sup>16</sup>O and <sup>14</sup>N<sup>18</sup>O, with no hyperfine structure. Note, however, that Gillis and Goldman<sup>1</sup>, included additional isotopic NO species and bands that were not incorporated into the HITRAN database (available by request from A. Goldman). The halfwidths used for all the bands were taken from the self-broadening results of Abels and Shaw<sup>18</sup> (last column of Table III there). The NO parameters have been only partially updated since then (Rothman et al;<sup>19</sup> Brown et al;<sup>20</sup> Rothman et al<sup>21</sup>).

Subsequent to 1982 HITRAN, infrared NO measurements and analyses have been completed by Amiot, Falcone et al, Houdeau et al, Pine et al, Phillips and Walker, Hinz et al, and Ballard et al. The 1986 HITRAN version did not report any updates for NO.

In 1992 HITRAN the pure rotation lines (O-O) band remain those from the JPL catalog (Poynter and Pickett<sup>14</sup>). It has been noticed that in the quantum numbers of the hyperfine components for these lines, the .5 has been truncated from each F' value. The air-broadened halfwidths remain the self-broadened halfwidths from 1982, all with temperature dependence of 0.5, and without self-broadened halfwidths.

For the 1992 HITRAN in the infrared, the results of Ballard et al<sup>28</sup> were used to update the intensity of the fundamental and airbroadened individual lines halfwidths for all infrared bands. Thus, the 1992 HITRAN update for the fundamental (O-1) incorporated lines (leading isotope only, main branch P lines having J up to 13.5, and R lines with J up to 19.5) whose line intensities and broadening parameters were taken directly from the work of Ballard

et al.28 The line intensities were taken from the "talc" values in Table I there, and divided by two to yield the e/f component intensities in the 1992 HITRAN listing. These lines include airbroadened halfwidth and self- broadened width which are J and branch dependent, and also show variations between the  $\Omega=1/2$  and 3/2 sub-bands. Ballard et al28 measured the N2-broadened halfwidth, which was assumed for the air-broadened halfwidth and their average value for the coefficient of temperature dependence (0.71) was assigned to all 128 lines in this subset. For all the remaining  $\Delta v=1$  lines (3 leading isotopes), and all the  $\Delta v=2$  lines (main isotope only), the J-dependent air-broadening parameters were obtained from unpublished values by Ballard (see Rothman et al19). These halfwidths appear to be the result of smoothing and extrapolation to higher J of the data presented in Ballard et al,28 and no longer have any dependence on either branch or sub-band. All these lines have been assigned the classical value of 0.5 for the coefficient of temperature-dependent broadening with no selfbroadened widths. Pressure shift information is not included for any of the NO lines in 1992 HITRAN.

## III. RECENT WORK AND 1996 HITRAN UPDATE

The more recent works of Spencer et al,<sup>29,30</sup> Dana et al,<sup>31</sup> Mandin et al,<sup>32</sup>, Coudert et al,<sup>33</sup> and Saupe et al<sup>34</sup> provide significantly improved line positions, intensities, and halfwidths for several NO bands. Some of these results have been incorporated into the HITRAN 1996 edition (Rothman et al<sup>21</sup>). The NO data contained in 1996 HITRAN are summarized in Table 1. Table 2 describes the origin of these data, and some of the relevant issues concerning the 1996 update, which are discussed below.

The pure rotation NO lines remain unchanged in the JPL catalog (Pickett et al") and have not been updated for 1996 HITRAN. The

halfwidths also remained unchanged from 1992. The analysis by Coudert et al<sup>33</sup> provided hyperfine constants, which have been implemented for line positions and intensities of the (0-1), (1-2) main isotopes bands in 1996 HITRAN. Thus, the significant increase in the number of lines in the (O-1) and (1-2) bands from 1992 HITRAN to 1996 HITRAN is due to the hyperfine components. All the (0-1) main isotope lines from 1992 HITRAN (A-doubled) have been replaced in 1996 HITRAN with new line positions and intensities that take into account all the hyperfine components (Coudert et al<sup>33</sup>). Now all the main branch lines include hyperfine structure. In addition, the maximum value of J has been extended to 46.5. The hyperfine component update has been performed for only part of the The positions and intensities of the (1-2) satellite (1-2) band. lines have not been modified. It is noted that the (1-2) band  $J_{mx}=35.5$  in 1992 HITRAN has been reduced to  $J_{mx}=31.5$  for the (1-2) hyperfine lines in 1996 HITRAN while the satellite lines retain their 1992 HITRAN J range.

The comparison of the new (0-1) and (1-2) line positions in 1996 HITRAN with 1992 HITRAN can be done on the basis of Coudert et al" A-doubling constants. The newly calculated A-doubling line positions differ (usually less than) from the 1992 values by 0.1 to 2.0 mk, depending on the band and the J-values. Discrepancies up to about 5 mK exist for high J  ${}^{2}\Pi_{3/2}$  -  ${}^{2}\Pi_{3/2}$  (1-2) lines (Dana et The new line intensities are higher than the 1992 values by '2% in the main branches of the (0-1) band, and lower by '8% in the (1-2) main branch transitions. The line intensities are also lower by about 8% for the (0-1) satellite lines. Accuracy indices of 4 were assigned for both frequency (≥ 0.0001 and < 0.001 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and intensity ( $\geq$  10% and < 20%) for these (0-1), (1-2) lines. based on the convergence of the results from the different laboratories to within a few percent of each other, it is estimated that the HITRAN intensity accuracy index19 for the strongest lines is 6 ( $\geq$  2% and < 5%). Indeed, the (0-1)  $^{14}N^{16}O$  band intensity on 1996 HITRAN (see Tables 1,3) is 4.593  $\times 10^{-18}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>/ (molec-cm<sup>-2</sup>), which is within 1% and 3% of the laboratory values of  $(4.634\pm0.14)\times10^{-1}$  and  $(4.45\pm0.04)\times10^{-18}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>/(molec-cm<sup>-2</sup>) reported by Spencer et al<sup>29</sup> and Ballard et al,<sup>28</sup> respectively.

The positions and intensities of all the other infrared bands were not changed from 1992 to 1996. A number of deficiencies found in these bands will be discussed below, on the basis of the new work by Goldman.<sup>36</sup>

It should be noted that in a few low J Q-lines hyperfine components are partially resolved in the atmospheric IR spectrum, such as in the  $Q(1/2)_{1/2}$  transitions near 1876.1 cm-i on the balloon-borne 0.002 cm-' resolution solar spectra obtained by DU. In such cases, the hyperfine components are important in modeling the observed line shape, as shown in a number of laboratory spectra (Pine et al; 37 Spencer et al29).

The weighted transition moments squared (proportional to the transition probabilities) for all the NO lines in the database have been altered slightly in 1996 HITRAN due to an updated version of the partition function (from the TIPS program, Gamache et al"). It should be noted that the partition function used had an extraneous nuclear spin factor of II(2I+1). For  $^{14}N^{16}O$ , this amounts to  $(2I(^{14}N)+1)*(2I(^{16}O)+1)=2I(^{14}N)+1=3$  as  $I(^{16}O)=0$  and  $I(^{14}N)=1$  (nowto be used as I). This constant factor does not effect the change of line intensity with temperature, in which the ratio of the partition functions is involved. However, in the process of generating the weighted transition moments squared from the listed line intensities (see Gamache and Rothman' for the general formulation of this parameter), it was apparently assumed that the lower state degeneracy is always (2J+1)\*(2I+1). This lead to different errors in the database for transitions sets with different merging of degenerate components. For example, for the

fine structure A components "N" o lines, the listed values of the weighted transition moments squared are too large by the factor of 2I+1=3. In this case, (2J+1)\*(2I+1) is the correct degeneracy but the extra factor of 2I+1 in the partition function canceled out the 2I+1 term in the degeneracy. For the hyperfine lines and the combined A lines the degeneracy should have been (2F+1) and 2\*(2J+1)\*(2I+1), respectively.

Unfortunately, halfwidth revisions intended for the 1996 version were not uniformly applied, and even some important improvements from 1992 were lost. This occurred because duplicate revisions submitted at different times were merged.

In 1994, one of the authors (L.R. Brown) revised all widths of the infrared NO bands from the 1992 edition using recent results. 28,29,37 The N, widths were either measured or smoothed values of the (0-1) band from Spencer et al.29 These measurements, involving P and R branch lines up to J=26.5 and Q branch lines up to 11.5, were applied with somewhat different criteria depending on the isotopes, e/f components and sub-bands. The self-broadening widths were based on a smoothing by L.R. Brown of the Ballard et al measurements that first appeared in the 1992 edition for some of the (0-1) lines. Pressure-induced frequency shifts in the (0-1) and (0-2) regions were based on averaged values reported by Spencer et al 29 and Pine et al 37 respectively, -0.0017 and -0.004 cm -1-atm -1 at 296 K. The temperature dependence of n=0.71 from Ballard et al28 was maintained. It should be reemphasized that the air-broadening coefficients were determined only from N,-broadening measurements.

In 1995, portions of this updated list were overwritten by the hyperfine prediction based on Coudert et al<sup>33</sup> for the (0-1) and some of the (1-2) bands of the main isotope; however, in this second revision, only default constants were applied for the widths and shifts (0.05 cm<sup>-1</sup>-atm<sup>-1</sup> at 296 K for air-, 0.0 for self-, and 0.0 for

shifts), thus losing the J dependence given in the 1992 edition, although the temperature dependence coefficient (n=0.71) was maintained (see Table 2). These omissions can be readily corrected (tables are available electronically from L.R. Brown for this).

#### IV. FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS BEYOND 1996 HITRAN

A number of recent studies have been dedicated to validation of the NO line parameters. These are described below, along with the progress in creating a more complete and self consistent data set, applicable over wider spectral regions and atmospheric measurements.

Independent hfs line parameters calculations for the (0-1) and (1-2) bands with Coudert et al" constants (A. Goldman, unpublished, 1997; L.H. Coudert, private communication, 1997) confirm the line positions within 0.0001 MHz. These calculations also confirm the relative intensities of the 1996 HITRAN infrared hfs components. However, the calculations also confirm that the values of the ground state energies (EM) listed in 1996 HITRAN with the transitions, were chosen (for simplicity) as purely rovibrational and do not take into account the hfs. Fortunately, the E" values are off only in the 4th decimal, and will not cause significant errors in calculating the temperature dependence of the line intensities.

Similar calculations also reproduce well the 1996 HITRAN pure rotation hfs lines. However, it has been concluded from these calculations that the partition function used for these lines is at T=300K, as in the JPL catalog<sup>16,35</sup> and not at the HITRAN 296K value. Also, the JPL lines do not include the isotopic abundance factor.

The recent heterodyne measurements and analysis of Saupe et

al<sup>34</sup> report improved absolute accuracy for the energy levels and 1 ine positions in the fundamental band, and provide new spectroscopic constants (including hfs) for v=0,1, applicable to J values up to 38.5. Comparisons with 1996 HITRAN line positions show that the 1996 HITRAN (O-1) lines are consistently higher. The differences increase with J, and reach -0.00008 cm<sup>-1</sup> in RR22 (16.5) 1 ines (J<sup>m</sup>=16.5 is the highest in the  ${}^2\Pi_{3/2}$  transitions tabulated in the paper). The Saupe et al<sup>34</sup> results should be considered for incorporation into the next edition of the HITRAN database.

An extensive use of the recent advances in NO has been described by Goldman, of for generating new line parameters with high v,J for both pure rotation and vibration-rotation transitions in This update is a direct extension of the work on updating the X2II lines of OH by Goldman et al. The new set for NO is composed of the Av=0, ..., 5 dipole allowed transitions between v=0, ..., 14 and J up to 125.5, with low intensity cutoffs, applicable to both atmospheric and high temperature research. In all, line parameters for 75 separate bands were calculated; 15 pure rotation bands and 60 vibration-rotation bands. Figs. 1-4 show sample results from this update; Table 3. shows band intensities comparison of 1992 HITRAN, 1996 HITRAN, and 1996 DU, to be discussed below.

In this work, the Hamiltonian constants of Coudert et al<sup>33</sup> for A-doubling were used for the rovibrational states of v=0,1,2 and for all the line transitions between these states. The Coudert et al<sup>33</sup> analysis covered J up to 41.5 for the (0-1) lines and 23.5 for (1-2). For the remaining bands, the Hamiltonian constants of Amiot,<sup>22</sup> which do not include A-doubling, have been used. These include v=0,...,22 and J in the range of 59.5 (for v=0) to 35.5 (for v=22). Thus, the new calculations for high v,J involve significant extrapolation of the available spectroscopic data, beyond the available spectral measurements.

The line intensity calculations are based on an improved calculational method for the vibrational-rotational wavefunctions (Goorvitch and Galant; 41.42 Chackerian et al43) and a combination of the experimental and theoretical electric dipole moment functions (EDMFs), (Chackerian, private communication, 1996). Figures 1-4 show several results from this work. Figures 1 and 2 show selected Av, v' line intensities sets. Figure 3 shows the type of EDMFs studied, such as those by Spencer et al,29 Chackerian et al (unpublished), and Langhoff et al. woth Figure 4 shows high v, high J wavefunctions employed in the intensity calculations. The derived intensities are significantly improved compared to those available for use in 1982 HITRAN, as discussed by Gillis and Goldman¹6 and are compatible with the intensities assigned to the updated (O-1) and (1-2) lines in 1996 HITRAN.

The intensity comparisons in Table 3 show that the agreement of total DU band intensities with 1996 HITRAN is very close (2% or better) for the bands (0-0), (0-1), (1-2) and (0-2). The rest of the bands show varying degrees of disagreement, as discussed in Goldman, 36 from a comparison of total band intensity (Saua) and maximum intensity  $(S_{ax})$  of the new DU bands. Thus, for the (0-0) band, the Seum values are nearly equal. The partial sums of the hyperfine components for the given A component in 1992 and 1996 HITRAN show good agreement with  $S_{(DU)}$ . For the (0-1) and (1-2)bands S<sub>sum</sub> are also close; S\_(DU) agrees with the 1992 HITRAN's Sand with 1996 HITRAN's Smark. For the (0-2) band, both Saum and Smark The (1-3) lines (listed in HITRAN as are in good agreement. combined lines, without the label e or f) show S in excellent agreement, but Saum (DU) is twice that of the HITRAN database. It appears that in this case the factor of two is a coincidence, and the HITRAN database retained an inconsistent line intensity normalization, from Gillis and Goldman, 16 of the (1-3) lines with respect to the (2-4), (3-5) and (4-6) lines; the (1-3) line

intensities in HITRAN should be multiplied by 1.488. The (2-4), (3-5) and (4-6) bands also show disagreement in both  $S_{\text{sum}}$  and  $S_{\text{max}}$ but the adopted 1982 normalization was consistent. HITRAN database for these 3 bands lists only the combined lines, with  $S_{sum}(hitran)/S_{sum}(DU)$  'O. 8, and  $S_{max}(hitran)/S_{max}(DU)$  '1.6. The bands (2-3), (3-4), (4-5) in the HITRAN listings also show combined A-components, except that here the doubled intensities yield S<sub>max</sub>(hitran) '2\* S<sub>max</sub>(DU) , while S<sub>sum</sub>(hitran) ~0.9 S<sub>sum</sub>(DU) . deficiency in the (1-3) band will be corrected in future HITRAN It should be noted that the laboratory intensity measurements of the (0-2) band by Pine et al25 yielded S =  $7.57(+0.38,-0.15) \times 10^{-20} \text{ cm}^{-1}/(\text{molec-cm}^{-2}) \text{ vs.}$  the DU calculated S of 8.26 x 10<sup>-20</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>/(molec-cm<sup>-2</sup>). Laboratory measurements of high Av band intensity are available only for the (0-5) band, as reported by Lee and Ogilvie. Their value of  $S = (2.18 \pm 0.11) \times$ 10<sup>-24</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>/(molec-cm<sup>-2</sup>) is significantly lower than the DU calculated value of  $3.799 \times 10^{-2}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>/(molec-cm<sup>-2</sup>).

The recent halfwidths study by Spencer et al has extended the previous works of Falcone et al,23 Houdeau et al,24 Phillips and Walker,26 Ballard et al28 and Spencer et al,29 and provided (0-1) band  ${}^{2}\Pi_{1/2}$ ,  ${}^{2}\Pi_{3/2}$  NO-N<sub>2</sub> halfwidths with temperature dependence coefficients. The 1996 HITRAN halfwidths have not been fully updated with these values yet. Brown et al20 used the Spencer et al29 halfwidths for the ATMOS NO A-doubling lines. In the work of Goldman, 36 the results of Spencer et al 30 have been adopted for J up to 16.5 for all bands, and single values for higher J's have been The correction to NO-Air halfwidths was determined assuming  $\gamma^{0}_{NO-Air} = 0.79 \gamma^{0}_{NO-N2} + 0.21 \gamma^{0}_{NO-O2}$ , with  $\gamma^{0}_{NO-O2}(J)^{-}0.05$  based on Houdeau et al.<sup>24</sup> The self-broadening (0-2)  ${}^{2}\Pi_{1/2}$ ,  ${}^{2}\Pi_{3/2}$  halfwidths of Pine et al<sup>25</sup> have been adopted, as they may be more consistent with the results of Spencer et al30 than with Ballard et al.28 Compiling a set for the "best" halfwidths values still requires an additional study. A new study that has been completed recently

provides O<sub>2</sub>-NO broadening coefficients with J and Ω dependence, as well as e/f dependence for Ω=1/2 (Chackerian et al"). These will be used to replace the constant value 0.05 cm<sup>-1</sup>atm<sup>-1</sup> mentioned above. It should also be noted that the pressure shift coefficients provided by Pine et al<sup>2</sup>, and Spencer et al<sup>29</sup> have not been incorporated into the DU database. Accuracy codes for the line positions, intensities, and halfwidths have not been estimated yet. It is clear, however, that lines of v'=0,1,2 and J'<50 have high position accuracy, of 0.0001 to 0.001 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and intensity accuracy of 5 to 15%. The 1996 DU line parameters of NO have been incorporated into the 1997 GEISA databank.<sup>41</sup>

More recent infrared studies in progress include work on the spectrum of NO in the first overtone region, using a series of FT laboratory spectra (V. Dana, J.-Y. Mandin and A. Barbe, private communication, 1997). This study is dedicated to line intensities and A-splittings in the (O-2) band for J values higher than those of Pine et al,<sup>25</sup> to intensities and A splitting in the weak (1-3) hot band, and to  $N_2$ -NO and  $O_2$ -NO broadening coefficients. The results of the first part of this work have been accepted for publication." The newly reported (O-2) line intensities are '5% smaller than those measured by Pine et al.<sup>25</sup>

In the far infrared, it has been noticed that important transitions have not been yet included in the database. The HITRAN database in the far infrared includes only the electric dipole (cd) main branch pure rotation  $X^2\Pi_{1/2}(\mathbf{v}=0) - X^2\Pi_{1/2}(\mathbf{v}=0)$ ,  $X^2\Pi_{3/2}(\mathbf{v}=0)^\top X^2\Pi_{3/2}(\mathbf{v}=0)$  transitions with the hyperfine structure (hfs).

It is known that in addition to the above transitions, weak ed and relatively strong magnetic dipole (red) transitions occur in the satellite branches of  $X^2\Pi_{1/2}(v=0) - X^2\Pi_{3/2}(v=0)$  [Brown et al; 50 Mizushima et al; 51 Saleck et al; 52 Saleck et al 53]. Saleck et al 52 provide improved analysis of 15N160 and 14N180 pure-rotation (0-0)

main branch lines with hfs, that has not been incorporated yet into the spectroscopic databases. The ed satellite transitions are "forbidden", and originate due to the small mixing of the  ${}^{2}\Pi_{1/2}$ ,  ${}^{2}\Pi_{3/2}$  states, similar to those observed and studied in mid infrared  $X^{2}\Pi_{1/2}(v=0) - X^{2}\Pi_{3/2}(v=1)$  transitions since the work of James."

The selection rules for electric dipole and magnetic dipole are opposite in parity. The permanent electric dipole of NO is quite small ( $\mu$ =0.15872D), and wavefunction mix ing is small, so that the md lines (allowed satellite transitions) are '20 times stronger than the corresponding ("forbidden" satellite) ed lines. The md line intensity peaks at the Q-branch near 124 cm<sup>-1</sup>, where it approaches the peak intensity of the main branch pure rotation ed lines near 45 cm<sup>-1</sup> within a factor of 2. It is thus expected that these md lines will be important in a number of applications.

We have therefore generated HITRAN style hfs line parameters for both types, to supplement the standard HITRAN lines. The energy levels were calculated with the spectroscopic constants and Hamiltonian formalism of Coudert et al.<sup>33</sup> The ed line intensities were calculated in intermediate coupling. The md line intensities were so far calculated only in Hund's case (a) (Barrington et al;<sup>55</sup> Brown et al; 50 Saleck et al<sup>53</sup>). Work is in progress with these lines in the far IR atmospheric emission spectrum (I.G. Nolt, private communication, 1997).

With the expansion of the HITRAN database to the UV, it is important that line parameters for the NO y band system (X  $^2\Pi$  - A  $^2\Sigma$ ) be added to the compilation. As is widely documented in the literature since the mid-sixties, the y system is prominent in the middle uv spectrum of the earth's airglow, and has been providing high altitude (80-200 km) distribution of NO for many years. The y system is also used (via fluorescence) for monitoring NO in air pollutants. Some of the recent spectral parameters studies of the

rotational transitions of the  $\gamma$  system have been described by Paul<sup>56</sup> (high v, high J calculations of positions and line strengths), by Vyrodov et al<sup>57</sup> and Di Rosa and Hanson" (measurements of collisional broadening and shifts). These spectral parameters can be adapted to the HITRAN database. Other NO electronic band systems, including the shorter W  $\delta$  (X  $^2$ 11 - C  $^2$ E') and  $\epsilon$  (X  $^2$ II - D  $^2$ E') (some of which are also observable in atmospheric absorption solar spectra), are important in atmospheric chemistry and physics, and should be considered in the future. For recent discussions, see the review paper by Slanger and Copeland<sup>59</sup> and the proposed ground-based study of NO by Slanger and Kerr.<sup>60</sup>

#### v. CONCLUSIONS

The 1996 HITRAN line parameters update for NO provides a number of improvements, which were, unfortunately, accompanied by some setbacks. Of special significance is the incorporating of the hyperfine line structure with improved intensities for the (0-1) and (1-2) bands, the loss of the individual halfwidths of the (0-1) and some of the (1-2) lines, the intensity discrepancy (carried over from previous editions) in the (1-3) band, and the limited coverage of isotopic line parameters. Extensive recent and new results for the NO spectral parameters from the far infrared to the W provide significant improvements to be incorporated in future editions of the database.

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- Figure 2. Line intensity vs wavenumber at T=296 K for  $^{16}N^{16}O$   $X^2\Pi$  vibration-rotation transitions for Av=l with V'=3, ...,14, Amiot<sup>22</sup> constants with J up to 125.5. Satellite transitions are included. Plotted with  $10^{-62}$  intensity cutoff (from the 1996 DU line parameters set<sup>36</sup>).
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Table 1. Summary of NO bands on 1996 HITRAN

la. Isotope <sup>14</sup> N <sup>16</sup> O (46), total band summary											
$\nu_{o}$	v'-v"	$ u_{ m min}$	$ u_{max}$	#lines	ΣS	S min	Smax	J <sub>max</sub>			
0.00000	0-о	0.00002	98.43997	599	3.441E-20	1.280E-35	2.950E-22	29.5			
1763.89421	5-4	1463.17330	2019.87770	416	7.675E-33	8.464E-43	2.040E-34	35.5			
1791.85814	4-3	1488.86950	2050.21700	416	3.792E-29	3.800E-39	1.010B30	35.5			
1819.85684	3-2	1514,60570	2080.57280	416	2.016E-25	1.840E-35	5.400E-27	35.5			
1847.89817	2-1	1540.30870	2111.05110	2722	1.003E-21	7.887E-34	5.038E-24	35.5			
(1875.8983)	2-1	1540.30870	2111.05110	831	1.081E-21	4.380E-32	1.450E-23	35.5			
1675.98911	1-0	1487.36591	2188,44755	6888	4.593E-18	1.114E-39	2.322E20	4G.5			
(1875 .9s93)	1-0	1566.15200	2141.45503	833	4.532E-18	4.300E-29	6.040E-20	35.5			
3499.84723	6-4	3177.86990	3732.23210	416	3.303E-34	9.809E-45	8.680E-36	35.5			
3555.75234	5-3	3231.55890	3790.57850	416	1.291E-30	3.320E-41	3.420E-32	35.5			
3611.71498	4-2	3285.30650	3848.95850	416	5.435E-27	1.280E-37	1.440E-28	35.5			
3667.75515	3-1	3339.13240	3907.39480	416	1.391E-23	3.020E-34	3.720E25	35.5			
3723.88758	2-о	3392.97240	3966.00070	832	8.079E-20	7.690E-31	1.090E-21	35.5			
The total number of lines of the isotope <sup>14</sup> N <sup>16</sup> O is 13,953											

lb. Isotope <sup>14</sup> N <sup>16</sup> O (46), sub-band summary										
sub-band	$ u_{ m min}$	$ u_{ m max}$	#lines	ΣS	S min	S max	$J_{max}$			
o X <sub>3/2</sub> - 0 X <sub>3/2</sub>	0.00002	97.22389	3 0 1	1.218E-20	1.280E-35 1	.650E-22	28.5			
$0 X_{1/2} - 0 X_{1/2}$	0.00687	98.43997	29s	2.222E-2	0 1.530E-31	1 2.950E-	22 29.5			
5 X <sub>3/2</sub> - 4 X <sub>3/2</sub>	1626.11170 18	355.89030	103	2.685E-3	3 7.360E-4	1 1.090E-	34 35.5			
<b>5</b> X <sub>1/2</sub> - 4 x3/*	1463.17330	1691.40890	103 7	.974E-37	8.4 64E-43	3.340E3	8 35.5			
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$5 X_{1/2} - 4 X_{1/2}$	1629.36420	1S54.77110	1 0 G	4.9 SSE-3	3 3. 680E-41	2.040E-34	35.5			

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2 X_{1/2} - 0 X_{1/2} 3563.49340 3797.37020 212 5.262E-201.330E-281.090E-2135.5
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The total number of lines of the isotope 14N16O is 13,953

2a. Isotope <sup>15</sup> N <sup>16</sup> O (56), total band summary									
$ u_{o}$	V'-v"	$ u_{ m min}$	$ u_{max}$	#lines	Σ	S	S <sub>min</sub>	Smax	J <sub>max</sub>
1842.91770	1-0	1609.38540	2060.46250	699	1.91	7E-20	4.430E28	2.550E-22	35.5

2b. Isotope <sup>15</sup> N <sup>16</sup> O(56), sub-band summary											
sub-band	sub-band $\nu_{\min}$		#lines	ΣS	S min	Smax	$J_{max}$				
$1 X_{3/2} - 0 X_{3/2}$	1705. 67090	1937.21230	199 6	.683E-21 5	5.000E-28 1.37	0E-22 3	5 . 5				
$_{1} X_{1/2} - 0 X_{3/2}$	1609.58540	1768.04290	142	1.972E-24	4.430E-28 4.	1 80E-26	26.5				
$_{1} X_{3/2}{0} X_{1/2}$	1892.71620	2060.46250	156	4.307E2	4 4.750E-28	8.950E-26	28.5				
$1 X_{1/2} - 0 X_{1/2}$	1708.85690	1935.979S0	2 0 2	1.248E-2	0 6.380E-28 2	.550E-22	35.5				

The total number of lines of the isotope <sup>15</sup>N<sup>16</sup>O is 699

3a. Isotope 14N18O (48), sub-band summary									
$\nu_{o}$	v'-v"	$ u_{\mathrm{min}}$	$ u_{max}$	#lines $\Sigma$	S	S min	Smax	$J_{oldsymbol{max}}$	
1S27.28440	1-0	1601.90940	2038.84610	679	1.054E-2	0 4.190E-28	1.390E-22	35.5	

The total number of lines of the isotope <sup>14</sup>N<sup>18</sup>O is 679

3b. Isotope <sup>14</sup> N <sup>18</sup> O, sub-band summary											
sub-band	$ u_{ m min}$	$ u_{max}$	#lines	Σ	S	Smin	Smax	Jmax			
1 X <sub>3/2</sub> - 0 X <sub>3/2</sub>	1692.55850	1920.16370	197	3.67	4E-21	5.4 <b>GOE-28</b>	7.440E23	35.5			
$1 X_{1/2} - 0 X_{3/2}$	1601.90940	1750.3s060	1 3 2	2 1.0	045E-	24 4.490E-28	2.200E-26	24.5			
$1 X_{3/2} - 0 X_{1/2}$	1880.2419	0 2038.84610	150	2.2	89E-2	4 4.190E-28	4.720E-26	27.5			
$1 X_{1/2} - 0 X_{1/2}$	<b>1695.65800</b> 1	918.95830	200	6.80	31E-21	G.310E28	1.390E-22	35.5			

The total number of lines of the isotope  $^{14}N^{18}O$  is 679

 $<sup>\</sup>nu$  values are in units of cm<sup>-1</sup>

S values are in units of cm<sup>-1</sup>/( molec-cm<sup>-2</sup>) at 296K

Sub-bands notation v  $X_{\Omega'}$  - v"  $X_{\Omega''}$  is short for v  $X^2\Pi_{\Omega'}$  - v"  $X^2\Pi_{\Omega''}$ 

Band centers ( $\nu_o$ ) for <sup>14</sup>N<sup>16</sup>O (O- 1), (l-2) are from Coudert et al.<sup>33</sup>

All other  $^{14}N^{16}O\nu_o$  'are from Amiot. <sup>22</sup> For  $^{15}N^{16}O$ ,  $^{14}N^{18}O\nu_o$  see Gillis & Goldman. <sup>17</sup>

Table 2. Origin of NO parameters in the 1996 HITRAN Database

Da & References										
Bands	Isotope	Positions	HFS	Intensities	Halfw		T-dep	P-shft		
Av=o	<sup>14</sup> N <sup>16</sup> O	, '			Air	Self	•			
0 - 0		P&P	Y	P&P <sup>8</sup>	A&S <sup>b</sup>	N	0.5	N		
Δv=1	<sup>14</sup> N <sup>16</sup> O									
0 - f	main, satl	C. et al	Y	C. et al	0.05 <sup>d</sup>	N	0.71 <sup>e</sup>	N		
1-2°	main	C. et al	Y	C. et al	0.05 <sup>d</sup>	N	0.71 <sup>e</sup>	N		
1-2	satl	G&G	N	G&G	S. et <b>al<sup>f</sup></b>	L. Brown <sup>a</sup>	0.71 <sup>e</sup>	Yh		
2-31		G&G	N	G&G	S. et <b>al<sup>f</sup></b>	L. Brown <sup>g</sup>	0.71 <sup>e</sup>	Y <sup>h</sup>		
3-4		G&G	N	G&G	s. et al	L. Brown <sup>g</sup>	0.71°	Yh		
4-5 <sup>i</sup>		G&G	N	G&G	S. et <b>al<sup>f</sup></b>	L. Brown <sup>g</sup>	0.71	$\mathbf{Y}^{\mathrm{h}}$		
	<sup>15</sup> N <sup>16</sup> O									
0-1		G&G	N	G&G	S. et alf	L. Brown <sup>g</sup>	0.71 <sup>e</sup>	Yh		
	<sup>14</sup> N <sup>18</sup> O									
0-1		G&G	N	G&G	s. et al'	L. Drown <sup>w</sup>	0.71'	Yh		
Δv=2	<sup>14</sup> N <sup>16</sup> O									
0-2		G&G	N	G&G	S. eet al	L. Brown	0.71e	Yh		
1-3 <sup>ij</sup>		G&G	N	G&G	S. et al <sup>†</sup>	L. Brown"	0.71e	Yh		
2-4		G&G	N	G&G	S. et alf	L. Brown <sup>g</sup>	0.71	Yh		
3-5 <sup>1</sup>		G&G	N	G&G	S. et al <sup>f</sup>	L. Brown <sup>e</sup>	0.71	Y <sup>h</sup>		
4-6i		G&G	N	G&G	S. et alf	L. Brown	0.71e	Yh		

°Update of all (0-1) lines, main branch (1-2) 1 ines d Inadvertently, assumed 0.05 cm<sup>-1</sup>atm<sup>-1</sup> (296K) for all lines •Ballard et al<sup>28</sup>

g Estimated from S. et al<sup>29f</sup>
by L.R. Brown, 1996

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Error in intensity normalization (see text)

A&S=Abels & Shaw<sup>18</sup> C. et al=Coudert et al<sup>33</sup> G&G=Gillis & Goldman<sup>16</sup>

<sup>f</sup> N, broadening

P&P=Poynter & Pickett<sup>14</sup> S. et al=Spencer et al<sup>29</sup>

h -0.0017 cm<sup>-1</sup>atm<sup>-1</sup> for unupdated Av=1 (S. et al<sup>29</sup>) -0.004 cm<sup>-1</sup>atm<sup>-1</sup> for  $\Delta v=2$  (pine et al<sup>3</sup>)

Table 3.  $^{14}N^{16}O$   $X^{2}\Pi(v'', v')$ : Band intensities and maximum intensities

Band	Hitran 92		Hitrar	ı 96	DU 96		
	Ssum	Smax	$S_{sum}$	Smax	$S_{sum}$	Smax	
		$S_{max\Lambda}$		$S_{max\Lambda}$			
0-0	.344e-19	.295e-21	.344e-19	.295e-21	.336e-19	.805e-21	
0-0	•	826e-21		.826e-21		.805e-21	
0-1	.453e-17	.604e-19.4	59e-17.23	2e-19 .	45%-17	.621e-19	
0-1				.619e-19		.621e-19	
1-2	.108e-20	.145e-22	.100e-20	.504e-23	.986e-21	.133e-22	
1-2				.134e-22		.133e-22	
2-3	.202e-24 .5	40e-26 .2	02e-24 .54	10e-26 .18	<b>3e-24</b> . 2	45e-26	
3-4	.379e-28	.101e-29	.379e-28	.101e-29 .	344e-28	.458e-30	
4 - 5	.786e-32 .2	04e-33 .76	<b>8e-32</b> . 2	0 4 e - 3 3	.695e-32	.921e-34	
0-2	.808e-19 .1	09e-20 .	808e-19	.109e-20	.826e-19	.114e-20	
1-3	.139e-22	.372e-24	.139e-22	.372e-24	.271e-22	.371e-24	
2-4	543e-26 .1	44e-27 .	543e-26	.144e-27	.678e-26	.922e-28	
3 – 5	.129e-29	.342e-31	.129e-29	.342e-31	.162e-29	.219e-31	
4-6 .	330e-33	.868e-35 .	330e-33	.868e-35	.400e-33	.537e-35	

# ALL BRANCHES T = 296.0 AFTER CUT Ø.1E-19 0.1E-20 CM Motec-1 Ø.1E-21 Ø.1E-22 Ø.1E-23 INTENSITY Ø.1E-24 Ø.1E-25 Ø.1E-26 Ø.1E-27 9000. 10000. 7000. 8000. 1000. 2000. 3000. 4000. 5000. 6000. 7 WAVENUMBER (CM-1)

Fig. 1.

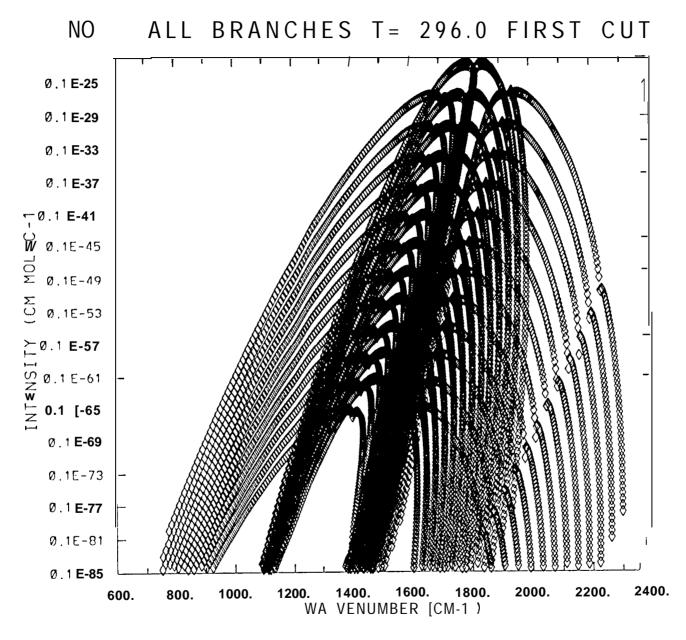


Fig. 2.

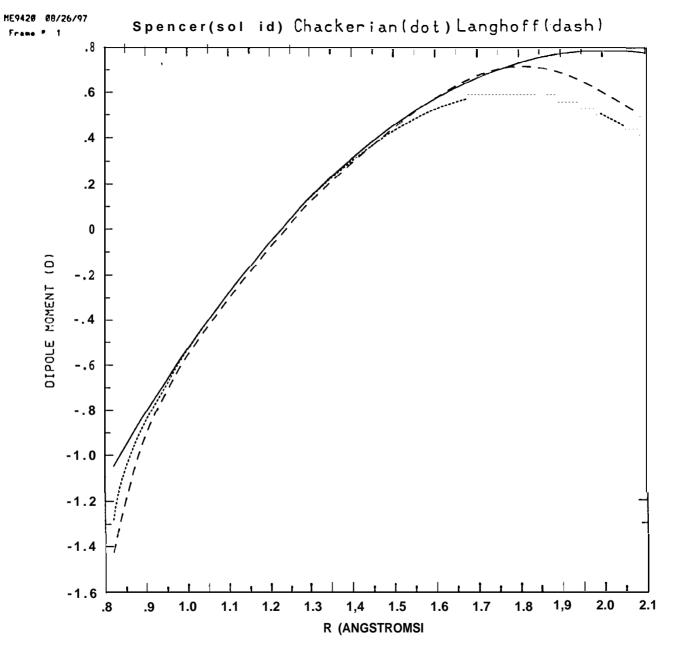


Fig. 3.

